GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
STUDY BY TASK FORCE IN FPI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inter-ministerial task force constituted to study the growth potential of food processing sector has made certain recommendations for developing, marketing, storage and cold storage facilities in the country during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outlay for the food processing industries sanctioned in the Ninth Plan and projected for the Tenth Plan;

(d) the amount spent during the Ninth Plan period for the development of cold storage infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra and the amount to be spent thereon during 2002 − 2003; and

(e) the locations in Maharashtra where these cold storage infrastructural facilities are proposed to be developed during the Tenth Plan in general and during 2002 − 2003 in particular?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 406 to be answered on 12th August, 2002.

(a): No such inter-ministerial task force has been constituted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): While the Ninth Plan outlay for the schemes of the Ministry was Rs. 235.00 crores, the approved Tenth Plan outlay is Rs. 650.00 crores.

(d) & (e): During the Ninth Plan, financialassistance amounting to Rs. 590.77 lakhs was extended for infrastructural projects including cold storages in Maharashtra by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. FinancialAssistance of Rs. 191.33 lakhs has been released for infrastructural projects including cold storage at Nashik, Mumbai and Nanded in Maharashtra during 2002 − 2003. The schemes are project oriented and not State specific. Approval of financial assistance for such infrastructural facilities will depend upon receipt of viable proposals.